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May 22, 2014

William H. Smagula, P.E., Director-Generation
Public Service of New Hampshire
P.O. Box 330
Manchester, NH 03305-0330

Re: Modification of Information Request Related to Merrimack Station Flue Gas Desulfurization
Wastewater Treatment System Effluent

Dear Mr. Smagula:

On November 8, 2013, the New England Regional office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) an information request concerning the offsite removal of Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) Wastewater Treatment System (WWTS) effluent from the Merrimack Station electrical generating facility in Bow, New Hampshire. EPA sent the information request letter pursuant to Section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a). As explained in the November 2013 letter, EPA requires information to determine whether the disposal of Merrimack Station's FGD WWTS effluent has been conducted in compliance with the CWA and EPA regulations, and determining whether such disposal may be harming the environment.

EPA's November 8, 2013 letter required PSNH to provide certain information for the offsite removal of FGD WWTS effluent from Merrimack Station in a monthly report due the fifteenth day of the following month up to and including September, 2014. On January 6, 2014, we received an email from Allan Palmer of your staff requesting quarterly reporting of the FGD information as it would coincide with the City of Lowell POTW reporting schedule. Our understanding is that Lowell POTW is the primary destination for the FGD wastewater. Allan explained that reports to Lowell are due January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31. This letter hereby modifies the reporting conditions of the November 8, 2013 letter by requiring PSNH to submit the information requested on July 31, 2014 and October 31, 2014.

All other requirements and conditions of the November 8, 2013 CWA §308 information request are not changed with this modification. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon DeMeo at (617) 918-1995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Ken Moraff, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc: Permit File;
Stergios Spanos, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

